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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add before paragraph [0001] the following new sub-headings and paragraph:

-- PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/DE2003/002804, filed on 22 August 2003. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) and 35 U.S.C. §365(b) is claimed from German Application No. 102 39 944.1, filed 30 August 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. **Field of the Invention --**

Please add before paragraph [0002] the following new sub-heading:

-- 2. **Description of the Related Art --**

Please add before paragraph [0006] the following new sub-heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] ~~[In accordance with Claim 2, it]~~ It is advantageous for the additional filter element to have a hinged design, so that it can be secured on the housing in such a way that the filter element rests against the wall of the housing in a first position and is swung away from the wall of the housing like wings in a second position. In this way, the additional filter element can be spatially placed in front of the housing while a secure connection is maintained, so that exact positioning of the wing elements is possible. Another advantage is that the additional filter element has an outside and an inside, each of which is formed as a filter surface. In this way, the filter surface can even be tripled.

Please delete paragraph [0012] in entirety.

Please add before paragraph [0013] the following new sub-heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please delete the sub-heading before paragraph [0015] and add the following new sub-heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Figure 1 shows a fountain pump 1, which has a housing 3. The housing 3 has a longitudinal axis and in the present embodiment is designed with an essentially oval cross section. The housing 3 has a housing wall 3.1, which is formed on both longitudinal sides of the housing 3 as filter surface 3.2 and filter surface 3.3. The filter surface follows the contour of the housing wall and is thus outwardly convex, corresponding to the essentially oval cross section of the housing 3. The filter surfaces 3.2 and 3.3 are designed with grooves and webs in such a way that coarse material, such as leaves, small twigs, debris, and even small animals, is retained on the filter when pond water is drawn into the housing 3. The bottom of the housing 3 has feet 5 with slotted holes 5.1 formed in them, with which the housing 3 can also be mounted on mounting plates, rocks, etc. On the upper side of the housing, a web 3.7 extends from one end face 3.5 of the housing 3 to the opposite end face 3.6 of the housing 3. The web 3.7 spatially separates the two filter surfaces 3.2 and 3.3 from each other in such a way that they are arranged parallel to and symmetrically about the longitudinal axis. A first outlet 7 is formed on the web 3.7. A telescoping extension 7.1, for example, can be mounted with a water-tight seal on the first outlet 7. A nozzle to produce the fountain is installed at the other end of extension 7.1. Snap connections 9, with which two halves of the housing 3 are held together, are also formed on the web 3.7.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] A suction connection 11 is formed on the ~~[web]~~ end face 3.5. The suction connection 11 can be connected with a threaded insert to allow a hose (not shown) to be attached. In the absence of a threaded insert of this type, the suction connection can be covered with a cover 12. The opposite ~~[web]~~ end face 3.6 is provided with a second outlet 13, from which water can emerge, for example, for a water spout or the like. A controller 15 for this second outlet 13 is formed on the web 3.7. A mounting 16, on which a lighting fixture for the water spout or fountain can be mounted, is also formed on the web 3.7.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] In the ~~[present]~~ embodiment of Figure 2, the filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 of the additional filter element can be secured on the housing 3 in such a way that they form a continuation of the circumference determined by the outer contour of the end faces 3.5 and 3.6 along the entire length of the housing 3. The filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 thus fit into the recessed lateral regions of the filter surfaces 3.2 and 3.3 of the housing 3.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] Furthermore, ~~[the additional filter element 17 or]~~ the filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 in the present embodiment can be hinged on the upper side of the housing 3 in the vicinity of the web 3.7 in such a way that the filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 can be swung out of a first position, in which the filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 are integrated in the housing in such a way that they are flush with the end faces of the housing (not shown), and into a second position (see Figure 2), in which the filter wings no longer rest against the filter surfaces 3.2 and 3.3.

Please insert at page 6, after the heading, the following new sub-heading:

-- What is claimed is: --